

| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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| | 10/612,810 | ALLEN ET AL. | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |
| | James L. Habermehl | 2651 | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 21 Apr 05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-29.
3. The drawings filed on 1 Jul 03 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendment filed 21 April 2005, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

2. Claims 1-29 are allowed over the prior art of record. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 1 and 16 are allowable over the prior art of record since the cited references taken individually or in combination fails to particularly disclose an apparatus and method comprising responding to insertion of a cartridge having an information storage medium for moving said head adjacent to the medium, determining compensation information relating to the spacing between said read and write portions, said receiving unit subsequently effecting writing of information with said head as a function of said compensation information, as presented in the environment of claims 1 and 16. It is noted that the closest prior art, Gomez et al., shows a similar method for head offset measurements. However, Gomez et al. fails to disclose being responsive to insertion of a cartridge having an information storage medium for moving said head adjacent to the medium while using said head to write selected information to the medium and then performing the compensation as claimed.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James L Habermehl whose telephone number is (571)272-7556. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on (571)272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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